



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Allen D. Feller, et. al.

Application No. 10/038,076

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For: METHOD OF IMPROVING CHEMICAL

MECHANICAL POLISH ENDPOINT SIGNALS BY USE OF CHEMICAL

ADDITIVES

Examiner: Toomer, Cephia D.

Art Unit: 1714

Confirmation No.: 7335

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed under 37 CFR §1.114, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.